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Filed: February 26, 2004  
For: ION THRUSTING SYSTEM  
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Art Unit: 3746

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1. Response to Notice of Allowance Dated September 22, 2006 (2 pages);
2. Part B Issue Fee Transmittal, Form PTOL-85 (1 Page) in duplicate;
3. Check in the amount of \$1,030.00 for payment of Issue and Publication Fees and ten copies of patent; and
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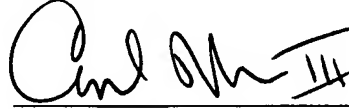
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 34793-503. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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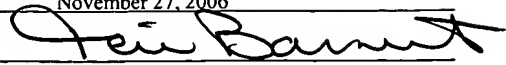
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, mailed September 22, 2006, the following is submitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced application: Part B of Form PTOL-85 Fee(s) Transmittal (1 page in duplicate); Check in the amount of \$1,030.00 for the issue fee (\$700.00), publication fee (\$300.00) and fee for ten (10) copies of patent (\$30.00); and Return Postcard.

The applicant recognizes that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, the applicant does not concede that the examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. In particular, the applicant does not concede that all of the identified limitations are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. In addition, the dependent claims are allowable on their own merits, and are allowable on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of the dependent claims and their respective base claims.

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These fees are due on or before December 22, 2006. Accordingly, this submission is timely filed. Although no other fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 34793-503. An extra copy of Part B of Form PTOL-85 is enclosed for this purpose.

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